





Indicators of Environmental

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Document Notes

Environmental Indicator: a tool that uses the best available data to measure the quality of the environment and/or progress made in protecting the environment.

This report includes a selection of nineteen environmental indicators, each occupying a single page. Each indicator shows a data set, a chart based on those data, and a discussion of the indicator and the data upon which it is based. Only data collected by, through or about the Hawaii State Department of Health programs are included.

The discussion accompanying each indicator is separated into five sections:

Explanation: the first section explains the data and chart, focusing on the fundamental picture portrayed the chart. Terms and caveats are also discussed in this section.

Implications: An "implications" section follows, with a short and sometimes subjective discussion of what impact the indicator findings may have on public health and the environment, and therefore on the Department of Health's (DOH) environmental programs.

Data Quality: The third section provides a one-word assessment of date quality for the indicator. Data quality is ranked as either High (\pm 5-10% confidence), Medium (\pm 10-25% confidence) or Low (\pm 25-50% confidence).

The last two discussion sections note the source of the data and comment on whether the data are required of DOH by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In most cases, when a percentage scale is used in a chart, the scale ranges from 0 to 100 percent. To more clearly show trends, some chart scales extend from values of 50% or 75% to 100%.

Data used are organized on a federal fiscal year (FFY) calendar, October through September, unless otherwise noted, and usually cover the years 2000-2005 in order to show a five-year trend for each indicator. Some indicators do not have data available for that period, and some provide only a "snap shot" of information for a single year.

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      -Clean Air Branch
CWB
      -Clean Water Branch
DOH
      -Department of Health
EHA
      -Environmental Health Administration
EPA
      -U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPO
      -Environmental Planning Office
NRIAO - Noise, Radiation & Indoor Air Quality Branch
SDWB -Safe Drinking Water Branch
SHWB -Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch
SLD
      -State Laboratories Division
VCB
      -Vector Control Branch
WWB -Wastewater Branch
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Ambient Levels of Sulfur Dioxide Compared to National Standards

Explanation: The national standard for sulfur dioxide (SO_2) concentrations was set by EPA at 80 micrograms/cubic meter $(\mu g/m^3)$ as the annual average limit of SO_2 in ambient air. The Honolulu air monitoring station is located atop the DOH building downtown. Data from this station are shown here as representative of SO_2 concentrations in Hawai'i. The results show that the annual average over the past five years, 1-3 $\mu g/m^3$, has been well below the standard.

Implications: Hawai'i's annual average SO_2 concentrations are very low compared to the national standard. On persistent Kona wind days, volcanic emissions from the island of Hawai'i can be transported to O'ahu and are experienced mostly as sulfates (SO_4). These sulfates are included in the PM_{10} (particulate) category expressed on the next page.

For a statewide report on air: www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/air/cab/cabmaps/report.html For real/near time monitoring data for Oahu and Hawaii: www.hawaii.gov/don/air-quality/index.html

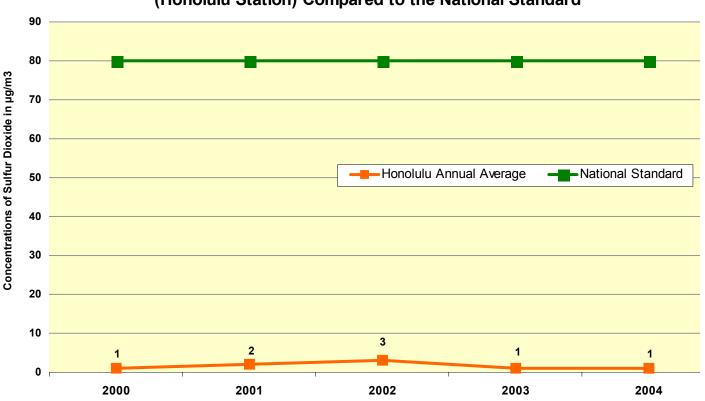
Data Quality: High (±5-10%confidence).

Source: DOH Clean Air Branch.

Data are required by the EPA.

| | Sulfur Dioxide Data | | | | |
|------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| FFY | Honolulu Annual Average of SO₂ | National Standard for SO ₂ | | | |
| 2000 | 1 | 80 | | | |
| 2001 | 2 | 80 | | | |
| 2002 | 3 | 80 | | | |
| 2003 | 1 | 80 | | | |
| 2004 | 1 | 80 | | | |

Hawai'i's Annual Average Sulfur Dioxide Levels (Honolulu Station) Compared to the National Standard



Ambient Levels of Air-borne Particulates Compared to National Standards

Explanation: The EPA has set the annual average of the particulate matter, or PM_{10} , at 50 micrograms/cubic meter ($\mu g/m^3$). PM_{10} is defined as particulates with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 10 microns. At the Honolulu monitoring station, located in the heart of downtown, the annual average concentration of particulates varied from 14 to 16 $\mu g/m^3$. At 16 $\mu g/m^3$ this annual average is 72% below EPA's standard.

Implications: The concentrations measured in Honolulu are far below the national standard. The visual trend line shows that, within the past 5 years, the particulate levels have stayed on a fairly even line between 14-16 μ g/m³. Concentrations of PM₁₀ are not significantly affected by sulfates from volcanic emissions carried over O'ahu by Kona winds.

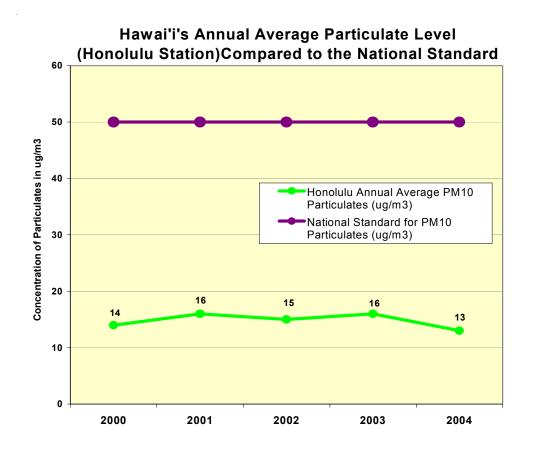
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Data Quality: High (\pm 5-10%confidence).

Source: DOH Clean Air Branch

Data are required by the EPA.

| | Air-borne Particulates Data | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Honolulu Annual National Stand | | | | | |
| FFY | Average of PM ₁₀ | for PM ₁₀ | | | |
| 2000 | 14 | 50 | | | |
| 2001 | 16 | 50 | | | |
| 2002 | 15 | 50 | | | |
| 2003 | 16 | 50 | | | |
| 2004 | 13 | 50 | | | |



Ambient Levels of Carbon Monoxide Compared to National Standards

Explanation: EPA set the 1-hour average limit for carbon monoxide (CO) concentrations in ambient air at 40,000 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu g/m^3$). This indicator reflects CO data measured at the Honolulu monitoring station located in the heart of downtown, an area with heavy automobile traffic. The CO measurement differs from the other indicators in this report as it reflects the highest 1-hour value each year rather than an annual average. In addition to the 1-hour national standard, EPA has set an 8-hour standard for CO at $10,000 \, \mu g/m^3$.

Implications: Although there are some fluctuations in the annual averages, Hawai'i's recorded 8-hour values are consistently well below the national standard.

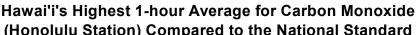
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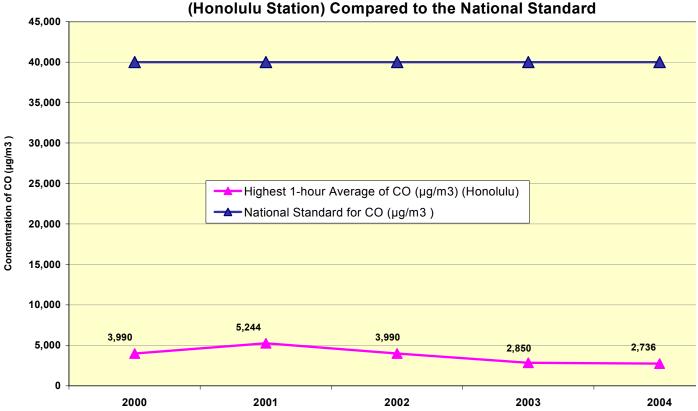
Data Quality: High (±5-10%confidence).

Source: DOH Clean Air Branch

Data are required by the EPA.

| | Carbon Monoxide Data | | | | |
|------|---|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| FFY | Highest 1-hour Average of CO (Honolulu) | National Standard for CO | | | |
| 2000 | 3,990 | 40,000 | | | |
| 2001 | 5,244 | 40,000 | | | |
| 2002 | 3,990 | 40,000 | | | |
| 2003 | 2,850 | 40,000 | | | |
| 2004 | 2,736 | 40,000 | | | |





Percentage of Schools in Compliance with Asbestos Management Plan Regulations

Explanation: Buildings constructed before 1980 may contain asbestos in pipe insulation, structural fireproofing, mechanical areas, and wall plaster. If asbestos-containing building materials (ACBMs) are not properly identified and managed they may be unintentionally disturbed, causing the release of asbestos fibers. ACBMs still exist in Hawai'i's schools. EPA regulations and Hawaii Administrative Rules require each school to prepare an Asbestos Management Plan, which documents the presence and condition of ACBMs and specifies provisions for properly managing any ACBM present. Plans are required to contain inspection and re-inspection reports; periodic surveillance reports; response action information; notices sent to parents and employees; designated person information and custodian training documents. Since the program's inception in 1988, over 400 schools have been contacted by NRIAQB staff and informed of this requirement. For the purposes of this measurement, compliance is assumed unless an inspection proves otherwise. The number of schools required to comply will change as new schools open and existing schools are closed.

Implications: The chart shows an increase in compliance since 2000, likely the result of increased inspections along with greater follow-up activities. Almost all schools in Hawaii have an asbestos management plan, but there is not necessarily a direct correlation between the existence of a plan and its proper implementation. The improvement in compliance since 2000 has resulted from increases in both the implementation of the plans as well as the additional compliance assistance activities provided by the program. The total number of schools required to comply increased due to the addition of private and charter schools to the system across the state.

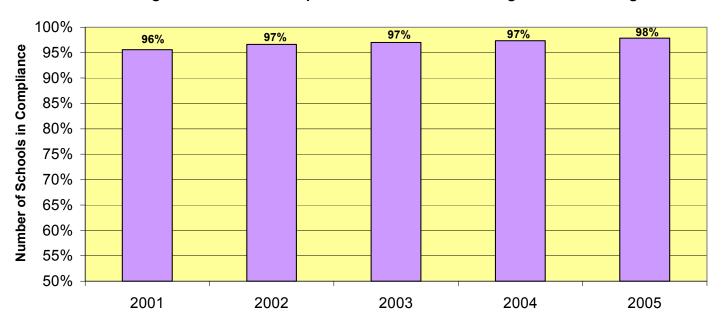
Data Quality: High (±5-10% confidence).

Source: Tom Lileikis (NRIAQB)

Data are required by the EPA.

| Pe | Percentage of Schools in Compliance with Asbestos Management Plan Regulations | | | | | |
|------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| FFY | Total Number of Schools Required to Comply | Number of Schools in Compliance | Percentage of Schools in Compliance | | | |
| 2001 | 409 | 391 | 96% | | | |
| 2002 | 416 | 402 | 97% | | | |
| 2003 | 416 | 404 | 97% | | | |
| 2004 | 416 | 405 | 97% | | | |
| 2005 | 423 | 414 | 98% | | | |

Percentage of Schools in Compliance with Asbestos Management Plans Regulations



Contaminated Sites with Clean-up Completed

Explanation: Progress made in the clean-up of contaminated sites, broken down into three categories, is measured by the date of completion of the clean-up process. The vast bulk of the clean-ups are comprised of leaking underground storage tank (LUST) sites. The next three indicators on the following pages will provide more specific data relating to the progress of each site category.

Implications: Staff has brought a backlog of LUST release cases into compliance with Hawai'i's UST rules.

Data Quality: High (± 5-10%confidence).

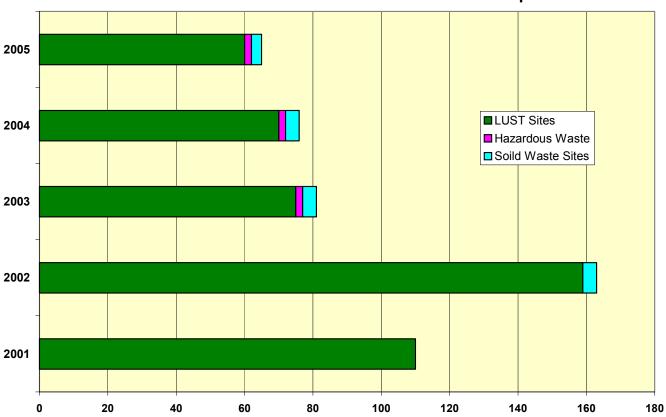
Sources: Grace Simmons (SHWB), Lane Otsu (SHWB), and Roxanne Kwan (SHWB).

Data are required by the EPA.

Contaminated Sites Clean-up Data

| FFY | Hazardous Waste | Soild Waste Sites | LUST Sites | Total Sites |
|------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| 2001 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 110 |
| 2002 | 0 | 4 | 159 | 163 |
| 2003 | 2 | 4 | 75 | 81 |
| 2004 | 2 | 4 | 70 | 76 |
| 2005 | 2 | 3 | 60 | 65 |

Number of Contaminated Sites Cleaned-up



Cumulative Percentage of Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites with Clean-up Partially Addressed or Completed

Explanation: Of the 1,840 confirmed releases from underground storage tanks from 1987 to 2005, 82% have had 'clean-up' completed. Thirteen percent of the sites have had 'clean up' partially addressed, (i.e., efforts have begun which: manage contaminated soil, remove free product, manage dissolved petroleum, and/or monitor the groundwater or soil), and 5% have yet to be addressed.

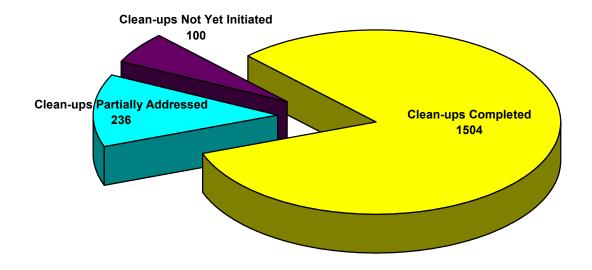
Implications: Some of the data for this indicator are included with data listed on the previous page; the data on this page pertains only to LUST sites and includes releases that have received no clean-up activity or that have only had clean-up partially addressed. Clean-ups for this category of contaminated sites has increased. Of the 5% of the sites that have not been addressed, some are recent releases for which the DOH has yet to receive information on clean-up efforts. None of the unaddressed sites constitutes an emergency situation.

Data quality: High (±5-10%confidence).

Source: Roxanne Kwan (SHWB). Data are required by the EPA.

| | | LUST Site Clean-up Data | | | | | |
|------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| FFY | Total Tanks | Active Tanks | Closed Tanks | Confirmed Releases | Clean-ups Partially Addressed | Clean-ups Not Initiated | Clean-ups Completed |
| 2005 | 7,803 | 2,041 | 5,762 | 1,840 | 236 | 100 | 1,504 |
| 2004 | 7,775 | 2,076 | 5,699 | 1,803 | 253 | 113 | 1,437 |
| 2003 | 6,748 | 1,867 | 4,881 | 1,732 | 290 | 57 | 1,385 |
| 2002 | 6,729 | 1,925 | 4,804 | 1,707 | 295 | 97 | 1,310 |
| 2001 | 6,693 | 1,998 | 4,695 | 1,623 | 305 | 167 | 1,151 |

Status of Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites Cleaned Up as of FY 2005



Quantity of Hazardous Waste Generated in Hawai`i

Explanation: Hazardous waste generation, as presented in this indicator, is reported to EPA by "large quantity generators" biennially in odd years. The next reporting cycle for 2005 will be available sometime in early 2006. "Small quantity generators" were included only in the 1995 data and, as a result, waste generation appears to peak in 1995. Overall, the quantity of waste generated, as shown in this indicator, has ranged from roughly 780 to 3,000 tons annually during the period from 1995 to 2003. Hazardous wastes in wastewater have been excluded from the indicator because the data quality for wastewater volumes is particularly questionable, especially since volume was removed as an EPA reporting requirement in 1997*. The majority of hazardous wastes in Hawai'i are sent to permitted commercial treatment storage disposal facilities on the mainland, while the recyclable solvents are processed in state. Hazardous waste is defined in 40 CFR 261.3 as waste having any of the four hazardous characteristics: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity, or a waste specially listed as a substance to be regulated as a hazardous waste. Common examples include paint, battery acid, oil, lead, and waste bleaches.

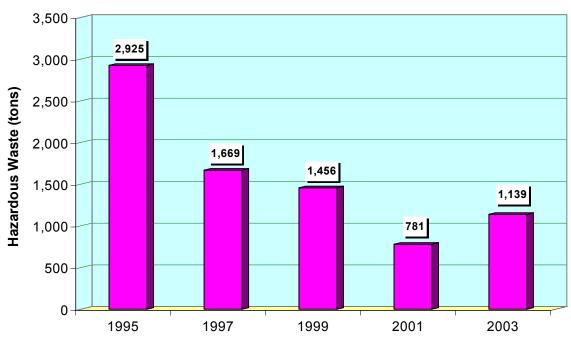
Implications: Compared to other states, hazardous waste generation has been relatively low in Hawai'i. During the ten-year period represented by this indicator, hazardous waste generation appears to be decreasing after a slight increase between 1993 and 1997. The significant decrease in waste generation for 2001 is linked to the efforts of the waste minimization coordinator and a stronger inspection and enforcement presence. The increase in 2003 may be due to a one-time generation for clean-up of a site.

* However, the amount on the EPA website for 2001 does include 464,076 tons of wastewater generated by Tesoro Refinery. In previous reports, Tesoro's wastewater generation was not included.

Data Quality: Low (± 25-50%) confidence. Source: Grace Simmons (SHWB). Data are required by the EPA.

| FFY | Hazardous Waste Generated in Tons | | | |
|------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1995 | 2,925 | | | |
| 1997 | 1,669 | | | |
| 1999 | 1,456 | | | |
| 2001 | 781 | | | |
| 2003 | 1,139 | | | |

Quantity of Hazardous Waste Generated in Hawaii



Percentage of Solid Waste Recycled in Hawai'i

Explanation: The amount of waste being landfilled has remained fairly constant over the past seven to eight years. The percentage of solid waste diverted from landfills for recycling or reuse in Hawaii has slowly increased over the past several years.

Implications: The State's current diversion rate stands at 31% and is in line with the most recent national statistics. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data indicates a national recycling rate of 28% in 1999. The State's goal of 50% waste diversion was set in 1991 and mirrored the EPA's recycling goal at the time. The EPA has since revised its recycling goal of 50% recycling, by the year 2000, to 35% by 2005. This change was made in recognition of the fact that states and municipalities needed a broader time frame in which to reach higher waste reduction levels.

Some mainland states and municipalities have taken great strides in increasing recycling rates, while Hawaii's commercial recyclers continue to deal with long-standing issues. Most notable is the high cost of shipping to the Far East or the mainland U.S. where most recycling markets are located. Volatility in recycled materials markets, combined with the relatively small amounts of materials generated in Hawaii, also continues to challenge recyclers.

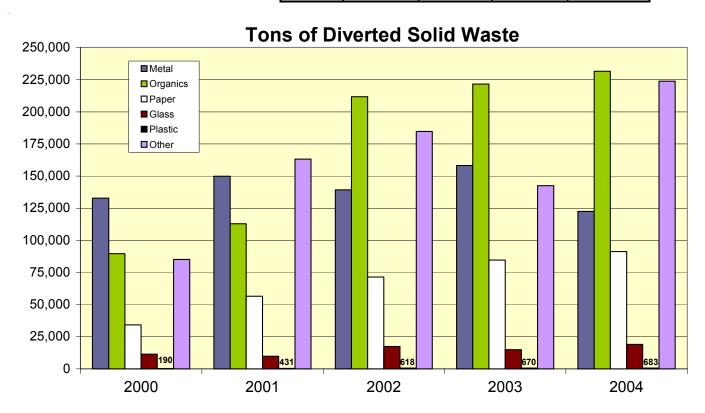
Data Quality: 2003-2004: Medium (\pm 10-20%) confidence; 2000-2002: Low (\pm 25-50%) confidence;

Source: Lane Otsu (SHWB)

Data are not required by the EPA.

Total Solid Waste Recycling Data (in tons)

| State FY | Produced Statewide | Disposed Statewide | Diverted Statewide | Percentage Diverted |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2000 | 1,794,496 | 1,441,000 | 353,496 | 19.7% |
| 2001 | 1,971,336 | 1,478,668 | 492,668 | 25.0% |
| 2002 | 2,115,313 | 1,489,974 | 625,339 | 29.6% |
| 2003 | 2,140,648 | 1,517,915 | 622,733 | 29.1% |
| 2004 | 2,116,724 | 1,427,904 | 688,820 | 32.5% |



Number of Zoonotic Laboratory Tests for Early Detection or Confirmation of Zoonotic Diseases

Explanation: The main focus for 2005 was preventing West Nile Virus (WNV) from reaching Hawaii. The Vector Control Branch and State Laboratories were at the center of the effort. Mosquitoes were trapped, counted and sorted by VCB Laboratory, then tested at State Laboratories Division for WNV. Birds were necropsied at VCB, then tested at SLD. In addition to WNV, Vector Control was also testing for plague, murine typhus and leptospirosis.

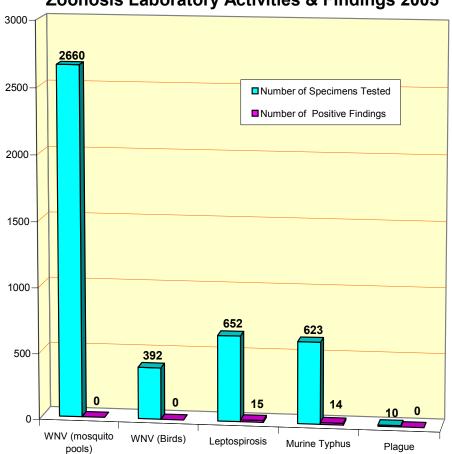
Implications: Though West Nile Virus did not reach Hawaii in 2005, the prevention efforts will continue to be sustained. WNV was the most high-profile disease, however surveillance and testing must also be continued for other zoonotic diseases that cause threats to public health.

| Disease Tested (# Positive) | TOTAL | Oahu | Hawaii | Maui | Kauai |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| West Nile (mosquito pools*) | 2660 (0) | 1807 (0) | 432 (0) | 260 (0) | 161 (0) |
| West Nile (birds) | 392 (0) | 264 (0) | 72 (0) | 36 (0) | 20 (0) |
| Leptospirosis | 652 (15) | 19 (2) | 633 (13) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) |
| Murine Typhus | 623 (14) | 44 (3) | 497 (2) | 76 (9) | 6 (0) |
| Plague | 10 (0) | 5 (0) | 5 (0) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) |

^{*} A group of 15-50 insects pooled together for testing purposes. The total number of mosquitoes tested for WNV was 113,793.

^{***} Only animals retrieved from ports of entry tested for plague





Data Quality: Medium $(\pm 10-25\%)$ confidence.

Source: Wes Warashina (VCB Laboratory)

Data are not required by the EPA.

^{**} Rat and mouse sera tested by the indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) technique

Oil and Chemical Releases in Hawai'i

Explanation: Any releases of oil or chemicals must be reported to DOH. No clear trend exists in the number of oil and chemical releases from 2000 to 2004. The database currently contains only initial information regarding a release. Follow-up information on releases (including volumes of releases) is not included.

Implications: Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) office crews respond to roughly 400-500 'spills' each year. Most are minor, a few are major, and some are false alarms. An increase in the number of releases does not necessarily correlate with an increase in damage to the environment. Future tracking and reporting will include volumes of spills in addition to numbers of spills.

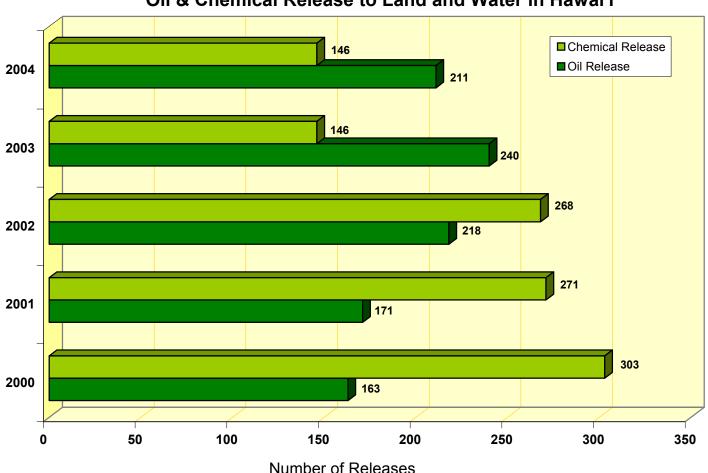
Data Quality: Medium (± 10-25%) confidence.

Source: Marsha Graf (HEER).

Data are not required by the EPA.

| Oil & Chemical Release Data | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| FFY | Oil Releases | Chemical Releases | | | |
| 2000 | 163 | 303 | | | |
| 2001 | 171 | 271 | | | |
| 2002 | 218 | 268 | | | |
| 2003 | 240 | 146 | | | |
| 2004 | 211 | 146 | | | |

Oil & Chemical Release to Land and Water in Hawai'i



Percentage of Hawai'i's Population Served Drinking Water in Compliance with State and Federal Microbiological and Chemical Maximum Contaminant Levels

Explanation: Drinking water microbiological or chemical standards are called Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). Water that exceeds MCLs is believed to be harmful to human health. In 2005, 99.1% of Hawaii's residents and visitors were served drinking water that met all of the MCLs all year long. Population figures are derived by summing the populations each public water system reports.

There were a small number of persons (12,217) in six water systems who were served water not in compliance with MCLsfor part of the reporting year. This equals a non-compliance rate of 0.91% over Hawaii's population of 1,341,727 people.

Implications: The compliance rate has consistently exceeded 99.0% over the last five years. Whenever a violation is found, the public is notified through electronic media, hand-delivered notices, or published notices.

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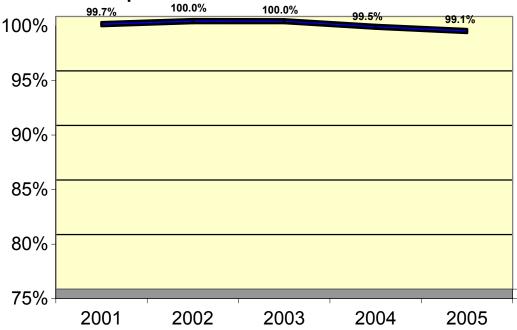
High (\pm 5-10% confidence).

Source: Ann Zane (SDWB)

Data are required by the EPA

| FFY | Total Population Served Drinking Water | Population Served Water Below MCLs | Percentage Population Served Water in Compliance with MCLs |
|------|--|--|---|
| 2001 | 1,289,360 | 1,285,821 | 99.7% |
| 2002 | 1,300,251 | 1,300,251 | 100.0% |
| 2003 | 1,300,715 | 1,300,682 | 100.0% |
| 2004 | 1,341,572 | 1,334,645 | 99.5% |
| 2005 | 1,341,727 | 1,329,510 | 99.1% |

Percentage of Hawai`i's Population Served Drinking Water in Compliance with Maximum Contaminant Levels



Cumulative Number of Sanitary Surveys Conducted for Drinking Water Systems in Hawai'i, 2002-2006

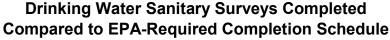
Explanation: A sanitary survey consists of a periodic review of the water source, facilities, equipment, operation and maintenance practices and records to verify that a public water system is operating properly. The DOH goal is to conduct "Sanitary Surveys" of all public water system source, treatment, and distribution operations in a five-year period. For Hawai'i, that averages 26 surveys per year. The SDWB completed the first five years by meeting its requirements, and is now in the next five-year cycle from 2002-2006. Because of personnel shortages, implementing new rules and regulations, and dealing with issues regarding national security of drinking water systems, meeting these survey goals will continue to be a challenge.

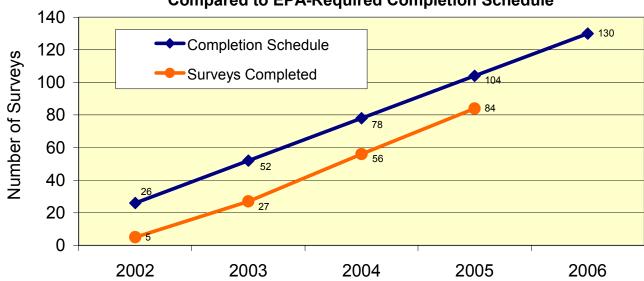
Implications: The last round of surveys was held from 1997 to 2001, so DOH is now inspecting these water systems again. Within 30 days of each survey, the SDWB submits a sanitary survey report to the purveyor discussing any deficiencies and recommendations. The SDWB also requests a response from the purveyor within 30 days of receiving the report. When problems are found during surveys, the risk of water contamination is assessed. If the problem poses an imminent risk of contamination to the source or finished water, the SDWB will direct the purveyor to promptly correct the problem.

Data Quality: High (± 5-10%confidence).

Source: William Wong (SDWB).

| FFY | Total Number of Systems to Survey (Average of 26/Year) | Surveys Completed Annually (= Cumulative total from 2002) | | |
|------|--|---|--|--|
| 2002 | 26 | 5 | | |
| 2003 | 52 | 22 (27) | | |
| 2004 | 78 | 29 (56) | | |
| 2005 | 104 | 28 (84) | | |
| 2006 | 130 | | | |





Percentage of Underground Injection Wells in Compliance with State and Federal Regulations

Explanation: The percentage of underground injection well facilities in compliance with state and federal regulations (those with a current permit) for the calendar year 2005 has dropped about 7% to approximately 49% since the year 2004. Most noncompliant injection well facilities were those for drainage injection wells—wells used for rainfall runoff disposal. The compliance percentage for drainage injection well facilities was approximately 46%. Injection well facilities for sewage disposal and industrial-related wastewater disposal had a compliance percentage of approximately 57%. Permit renewals for sewage and industrial-related injection have processing priority over permit renewals for drainage injection.

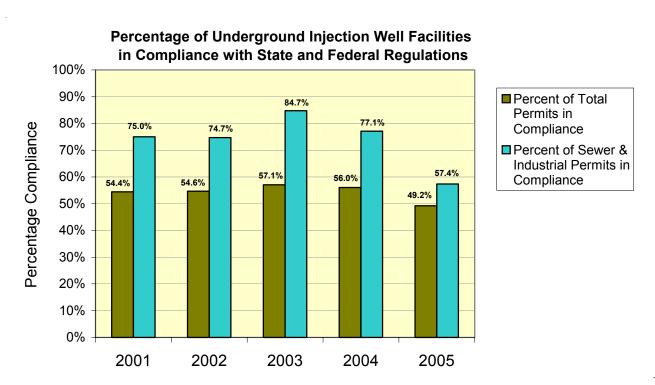
Implications: Drainage injection wells typically pose a lower potential for environmental contamination as compared to industrial or sewage related facilities. However, for counting purposes, all facilities are weighed equally.

Data Quality: High (± 5-10% confidence).

Data are required by the EPA.

Source: Chauncey Hew (SDWB)

| Calendar Year | Total UIC Permits | Total Expired Permits | Percent of Total Permits in Compliance | Percent of Sewer & Industrial Permits in Compliance | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| 2001 | 590 | 268 | 54.4% | 75.0% | |
| 2002 | 617 | 280 | 54.6% | 74.7% | |
| 2003 | 659 | 283 | 57.1% | 84.7% | |
| 2004 | 677 | 298 | 56.0% | 77.1% | |
| 2005 | 679 | 345 | 49.2% | 57.4% | |



Shoreline Postings Due to Sewage or Other Water Pollution

Explanation: Residents and visitors use our public beaches and the ocean for recreation and fishing. Sewage, chemical spills, and other releases can restrict our enjoyment and use of the shoreline as well as affect aquatic life. The following table shows the number of times shoreline waters were posted with warning signs (unsafe due to water pollution) by the counties, military, private and DOH. The report for 2005 reflects a major change in that all shoreline recreational waters were considered - including harbors and rocky shorelines. Previous reports only covered sandy beaches. The 2005 report also distinguishes days posted by different events: dry or wet weather sewage spills and the Kualoa release.

Implications: There were 121 days of shoreline postings in 2005. The rise in sewage posting days is due to heavy rainfall events and a special situation at Kualoa Park, Oahu. There were 16 spill incidents during 2005 when DOH determined postings were needed. For sewage spills, shorelines are first posted, then sampling occurs. The CWB reviews bacteria data prior to having the signs removed.

Source: Clean Water Branch

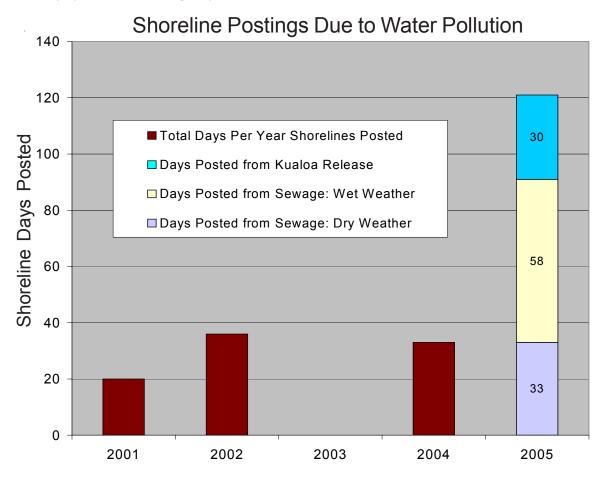
Data Quality: Medium

(± 10-25%) confidence

| Calendar | Total Days Per Year | Days Posted from |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|
| Year | Shorelines Posted | Sewage Events |
| 2001 | 20 | N/A |
| 2002 | 36 | N/A |
| 2003 | 0 | N/A |
| 2004 | 33 | N/A |
| 2005 | 121 | 121 |

Notes:

- i) These numbers do not reflect postings of warning signs on streams, lakes, and other inland waters.
- ii) Other agencies may also post other shoreline warning signs. For example, the City and County of Honolulu posts warning signs on beaches after opening stream mouths to drain water. These are not included in this table.



Percentage of Wastewater Recycled Annually

Explanation: Wastewater recycling (or reuse of water treated to a level appropriate for irrigation purposes) has risen from roughly 19.9 million gallons per day in 2001 to nearly 23.5 million gallons per day in 2005, representing an increase of nearly 1.6% over the past five-year period. There have been no significant additions or deletions to the recycled water use in 2004 and 2005, as recycled water use stayed at approximately 23.5 mgd.

Implications: DOH has plans to encourage reuse to about 30 mgd, or about 20%, by 2015.

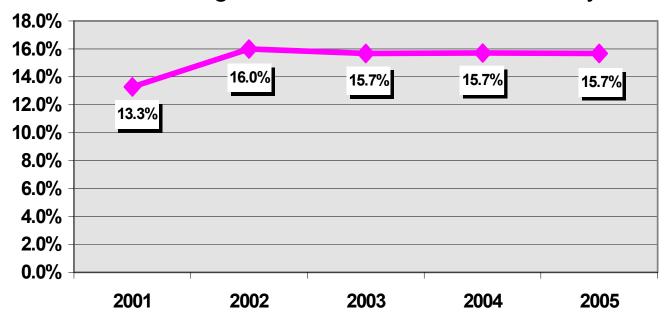
Data Quality: Medium (± 10-25%) confidence.

Source: Lance Manabe (WWB).

Data are not required by the EPA.

| FFY | Total Wastewater | Wastewater Reused | |
|------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| FFT | Treated (MGD) | (MGD) | Percent Reused |
| 2001 | 150.0 | 19.9 | 13.3% |
| 2002 | 150.0 | 24.0 | 16.0% |
| 2003 | 150.0 | 23.5 | 15.7% |
| 2004 | 150.0 | 23.5 | 15.7% |
| 2005 | 150.0 | 23.5 | 15.7% |

Percentage of Wastewater Reused Annually



Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations and Maintenance Compliance Records

Explanation: About three-fourths of Hawai'i's wastewater treatment plants show full compliance when inspected by the Wastewater Branch staff. Major operation and maintenance (O&M) deficiencies, effluent violations or permit violations warrant an unsatisfactory rating. Because of staffing shortages, only facilities that were previously in non-compliance or had not been inspected recently were targeted.

Implications: The stated goal of the WWB of 95% compliance by the year 2000 has not been achieved because of O&M deficiencies or effluent violations. The WWB staff believe operation and maintenance compliance leads to fewer sewage spills because well-maintained equipment breaks down less often. Another cause of the unsatisfactory ratings is the number of underground injection permits (which are covered by the O&M inspection) that have expired (see page 15 for a discussion of the underground injection permit program).

Data Quality:

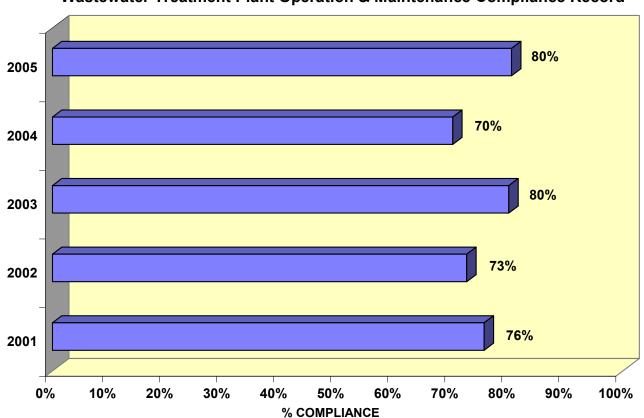
High (\pm 5-10% confidence).

Source: Marshall Lum (WWB).

Data are not required by the EPA

| State FY | Number of Plants | Number of Plants | Percent in | |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| State F1 | Inspected Rated Unsatisfactory | | Compliance | |
| 2001 | 144 | 35 | 76% | |
| 2002 | 106 | 29 | 73% | |
| 2003 | 100 | 20 | 80% | |
| 2004 | 57 | 17 | 70% | |
| 2005 | 41 | 8 | 80% | |

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation & Maintenance Compliance Record



Number of Impaired Streams Listed, 2004

Explanation: This stream quality indicator is based on the "2004 List of Impaired Waters in Hawai'i Prepared Under Clean Water Act §303(d)." The List identifies waters where our analysis of readily available data indicated non-attainment of State water quality standards, based on the decision making criteria explained in the listing document (please see http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/env-planning/wqm/). The 2004 List includes 11 new streams that were not listed in 2002. The next List will be published in spring of 2006.

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) of pollutants must eventually be developed for all waterbodies on the List of Impaired Waters. Currently, TMDLs have been established for three Oahu waterbodies (the Ala Wai Canal, Waimanalo Stream, and Kawa Stream), and are near completion for streams draining into Nawiliwili Bay (Kauaʻi) and Pearl Harbor (Oʻahu), as well as for Kaneʻohe and Kapaʻa Streams (Oʻahu). New TMDL development projects are underway for streams in Hanalei (Kauaʻi), Kaʻelepulu (Oʻahu), and Kaukonahua (Oʻahu), and for Waiakea and Alenaio Streams (Hawaiʻi).

Implications: This stream quality indicator refers only to the inland part of a watershed with freshwater flows that have salinity lower than 0.5 parts per thousand (ppt), including all stream tributaries. The identification of these streams initiates a process that identifies pollutant sources so that agencies, non-profits, businesses, and community groups can begin to control these sources of pollution, improve water quality, and protect and enhance aquatic ecosystem health.

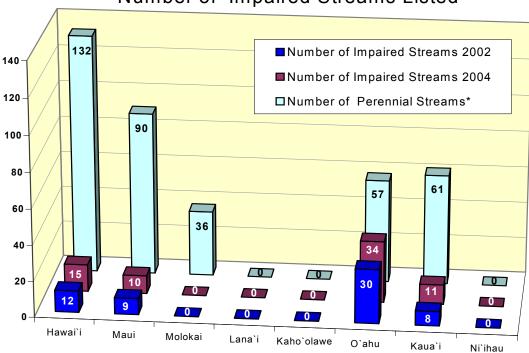
Data Quality: Medium/High (70-80%) confidence.

Source: Linda Koch (EPO)

Data are required by EPA.

| Island | Number of Impaired Streams 2002 | Number of Impaired Streams 2004 | Number of Perennial Streams* |
|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hawai`i | 12 | 15 | 132 |
| Maui | 9 | 10 | 90 |
| Molokai | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Lana`i | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kaho`olawe | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O`ahu | 30 | 34 | 57 |
| Kaua`i | 8 | 11 | 61 |
| Ni`ihau | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 59 | 70 | 376 |

Number of Impaired Streams Listed



^{*}As identified in the 1990 Hawaii Stream Assessment (Commission on Water Resource Management and National Park Service)

Toxics Release Inventory 2003 Hawai'i Report

In June 2005, EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) program released the 2003 data on toxics that were released into the nation's air, water and land from major industry sectors throughout the United States.

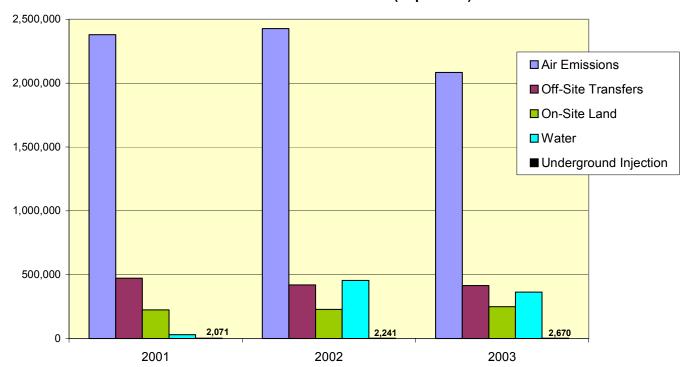
The Hawai'i 2001 TRI report reflected some major changes in reporting, and for this reason, data from years prior to 2001 are not included. Some of the significant changes were the inclusion of "new industries" to the "original industries" category for air releases, as well as the use of different methods for calculating air emissions. The 2001 report also included first-time reporting from four federal facilities.

Hawaii's total reported on- and off-site releases decreased approximately 14% when compared to 2002 data. Air decreases were primarily due to less sulfuric acid releases from electric generating facilities. Decrease to water was primarily due to Pearl Harbor Naval Complex reporting fewere releases of nitrate compounds. A large decrease in the amound of nitrate compounds being sent off-site from the U.S. Army resulted in an 18% off-site disposal. Land releases increased by approximately 9%, due to increased lead and copper releases at several federal training facilities. For more detailed information, refer to the EPA website at: www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/tri02/state/Hawaii.pdf

^{*}Release is defined as the amount of a toxic chemical released on-site (to air, water, underground injection, landfills and other land disposal), and the amount transferred off-site for disposal. It is important to note that release should not be directly equated with risk. To evaluate risk, release data must be combined with information about chemical toxicity, site-specific conditions, and exposure.

| FFY | Air Emissions | Off-Site Transfers | On-Site Land | Water | Underground Injection |
|------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 2001 | 2,379,969 | 472,311 | 224,400 | 29,770 | 2,071 |
| 2002 | 2,427,152 | 420,334 | 228,501 | 454,684 | 2,241 |
| 2003 | 2,082,777 | 415,095 | 249,267 | 364,067 | 2,670 |

Toxic Releases in Hawaii (in pounds)



Data are not required of DOH by EPA, but EPA does require data from private industries.

Annual Enforcement Report Summary

Explanation: DOH publishes a quarterly inspection and enforcement report similar to the annual data table (below). The quarterly reports summarize the number of inspections, actions taken, and fines assessed as well as concluded formal cases. It also lists the number of supplemental environmental projects (S.E.P.s), which are projects done in lieu of a monetary fine. These reports, including a narrative report as well as the data table, are published in the OEQC Bulletin.

Implications: The table below shows a tally of the inspections and responses conducted by DOH pollution control programs from January through December 2005. A priority of the Environmental Health Administration is to pursue violations with vigorous enforcement.

Data Quality: Medium (± 10-25%) confidence. Source: Environmental Planning Office (EPO)

Data are not required by the EPA.

| Enforcement Report for January-December 2005 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Inspections & Responses | Warning Notices ¹ | Formal Enforcement Cases ² | Penalties Issued | Formal Cases Pending | Formal Cases Concluded | Supplemental Environmental Projects (S.E.P.) |
| | Jan-Dec 2005 | Jan-Dec 2005 | Jan-Dec 2005 | Jan-Dec 2005 | Total to Date | Jan-Dec 2005 | in Progress (as of 12/05) |
| Clean Air Branch | | | | | | | |
| Fugitive Dust | 625 | 25 | 5 | \$3,700 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Noncovered Sources | 127 | 139 | 6 | \$28,700 | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| Covered Sources | 127 | 51 | 12 | \$655,500 | 29 | 6 | 0 |
| Agricultural Burning | 218 | 4 | 1 | \$12,600 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Open Burning | 85 | 10 | 2 | \$4,800 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Others | 206 | 5 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Branch Total | 1388 | 234 | 26 | \$705,300 | 46 | 21 | 0 |
| Solid & Hazardous Waste Bra | anch | | | | | | |
| Underground Storage Tanks | 491 | 18 | 33 | \$67,000 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Hazardous Waste | 278 | 79 | 3 | \$258,200 | 24 | 5 | 0 |
| Solid Waste | 517 | 78 | 2 | \$88,750 | 31 | 2 | 3 |
| Branch Total | 1286 | 175 | 38 | \$413,950 | 61 | 7 | 3 |
| Clean Water Branch | | | | | | | |
| Permitted Discharges (NPDES) | 70 | 21 | 0 | \$0 | 15 | 1 | 2 |
| Non-permitted Discharges | 297 | 26 | 2 | \$4,461 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| Water Quality Certifications | 20 | 0 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Branch Total | 387 | 47 | 2 | \$4,461 | 22 | 5 | 4 |
| Wastewater Branch | | | | | | | |
| Wastewater Treatment Plants | 109 | 3 | 2 | \$100 | 16 | 0 | 1 |
| Individual Wastewater Systems | 608 | 53 | 18 | \$1,750 | 39 | 1 | 0 |
| Animal Waste | 12 | 0 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 32 | 2 | 1 | \$2,500 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Branch Total | 761 | 58 | 21 | \$4,350 | 56 | 2 | 1 |
| Safe Drinking Water Branch | | | | | | | |
| Public Water Systems | 284 | 20 | 0 | \$0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wells - Underground Injection Control | 1304 | 20 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Branch Total | 1588 | 40 | 0 | \$0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hazard Evaluation & Emergence | y Response | | | | | | |
| Oil Spills | 21 | 9 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hazardous Waste Releases | 24 | 5 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Branch Total | 45 | 14 | 0 | \$0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 5,455 | 568 | 87 | \$1,128,061 | 186 | 35 | 8 |

¹ Informal letters warning a person or entity that they are violating environmental laws normally requiring corrective action by a specified deadline. Informal actions generally cover less serious issues such as small infractions by individuals, or viola

² Formal enforcement cases generally cover any serious violation and repeat or continued violations of permits or the law. Warning letters, if not adequately responded to, can lead to formal actions. Specifically, formal cases are administrative enforceme

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| Clean Water Branch | 586-4309 |
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